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Dear Dave:

As you have seen, our long efforts to reestablish contact with Peking have finally borne fruit and agreement has been reached on a meeting between ourselves and the Chinese in Warsaw for January 20. We are, of course, anxious to avoid giving the Chinese any pretext of canceling or breaking off this meeting and will want to make the meeting itself as productive as possible. There are no JRC-approved operations that would bear on this except a U-2 flight from Taiwan, which we have suggested to the CIA be held off for the time being.

However, I suggest that during this period special precautions be taken with regard to Naval and Air Force operations that could give rise to incidents and suggest that you may want to raise this matter with CINCPAC. I am not aware of the rules under which Naval vessels and military aircraft engaged in normal operations are now operating; but, if there is any question in this regard, I would think that our JRC rules of 50 miles from all Chinese-claimed territory for aircraft and 25 miles for Naval vessels, except when approaching

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The Honorable
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or departing from Hong Kong would be appropriate for the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

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The Hon. Richard Helms

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